



Author's Note

I had the good fortune to spend a year volunteering on the field team of the Mexican Wolf Recovery Project, from May to November 2012 and September to March 2013-2014. I wrote these pieces in the later part of my time there, drawing upon reflections and experiences from both stints.

Upon finding out I work with wolves, everyone has something to say and something to ask. I conceived these writings in the hopes of dispelling some of the rumors which build around such a controversial project. Within these articles I try to share my own experiences – ups and downs both – as part of the field team that enjoys first-hand knowledge of these elusive animals. Wolves, with their strength and charisma, inspire both deep loathing and profound admiration on the part of many. These powerful feelings can obscure, both in minds and in practice, the complex reality of these predators. I encourage us all to be that much more thoughtful towards our fellow creatures and each other as we move forward.

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